

Please amend the Abstract as provided below:

The present invention relates generally to ~~the use of compounds, compositions, combinations, kits, and methods~~ and compositions for treatment, prevention, suppression, and/or delaying the onset of type 1 diabetes. More specifically, the present invention relates to the administration of a fusion protein comprising at least one immunoglobulin having one or more diabetogenic epitopes inserted within the variable region, for suspending, preventing or delaying the onset of type 1 diabetes.